the Bureau of Police Research and Development and its units;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant in various cadres, separately and since when;

(c) what are the reasons for filling up these vacancies so far;

(d) whether it is also a fact that working of the Bureau has been badly affected as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, what efforts are being made by Government to fill up these vacant posts at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is furnished in the Statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure 109]

(d) It is not correct to say that the working of the BPR&D has been badly affected due to some posts remaining vacant.

(e) Necessary action is being taken for filling up vacancies in accordance with rules and procedures as quick possible.

**Telephone Connections to Electronic Exchange of Delhi of Delhi Gate**

3215. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones that have not yet been connected to electronic exchange of 26 and 27 level in Delhi Gate Exchange, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that this work was scheduled to be completed by March/April, 1990; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay and by when the work is now likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) While all numbers of 27 Exchange (Electro Mechanical) have been connected to Electronic Exchange, about 7340 numbers of 26 Exchange (Electro Mechanical) are yet to be converted to electronic working.

(b) and (c) This work was scheduled to be completed by 30th June, 1990. Since equipment supply has been delayed, the complete change over is now likely to be over by December 1990.

**Appointments on Compassionate Grounds**

3216. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from the dependants of deceased employees for appointment on compassionate grounds, year-wise since 1984;

(b) the number of applicants provided with job year-wise since 1984;

(c) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor;

(d) those who have been provided with a job-period by which time they have been provided with a job from the date of their applications; and

(e) under what circumstances relaxation of time limit for application is granted, facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Faulty and dead telephones in the Exchanges of Calcutta Telephones**

3217. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still large number of telephones of the subscribers of the 41, 42—46 Exchange and 45—49